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SUMMARY: BOTH OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE DANISH REACTION TO THE
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EXECUTIONS IN SPAIN SHARPENED AND WIDENED OVER THE WEEKEND.

SPANISH PROPERTY IN COPENHAGEN WAS DAMAGED BY WINDOW-SMASHING AND FIRE BOMBING, AND THE DANISH AMBASSADOR TO SPAIN WAS RECALLED FOR CONSULTATIONS. PRIME MINISTER ANKER JORGENSEN AGREED WITH A NEWSPAPER HEADLINE DESCRIBING FRANCO AS A "MURDERER" AND REITERATED TO THE PRESS THAT THE EXECUTIONS WILL LEAD TO INCREASED ISOLATION OF SPAIN VIS-A-VIS NATO, THE COMMON MARKET AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. THE DANES ALSO REJECTED A SPANISH NOTE PROTESTING DANISH PRESS TREATMENT OF EVENTS IN SPAIN. TAKING THE LEAD OF THE EUROPEAN TRADE UNION FEDERATION, THE DANISH TRADE UNION FEDERATION (LO) PROCLAIMED OCTOBER 2 AS "ANTI-FRANCO DAY". TODAY, SEPTEMBER 29, LO PRESIDENT NIELSEN ALSO CALLED FOR AN EMBARGO OF SPANISH SHIPPING. END SUMMARY.

1. THE DEMONSTRATIONS OVER THE WEEKEND WERE

MORE WIDESPREAD AND VIOLENT THAN ANYTHING SEEN HERE OVER THE LAST YEAR. BOTH THE SPANISH CHWBCERY AND THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE WERE STONED AND WINDOWS WERE BROKEN, AND THREE SPANISH EXILES WERE ARRESTED FOR THROWING MOLOTOV COCKTAILS AT THE SPANISH TOURIST OFFICE IN COPENHAGEN. DANISH CHARTER FLIGHTS TO SPAIN HAVE BEEN SERIOUSLY DISRUPTED BY BOMB THREATS. (A DEMONSTRATION AGAINST THE U.S. EMBASSY - PARA 4 REFTEL - FOR ALLEGED U.S. SUPPORT OF FRANCO REGIME WAS RELATIVELY MUTED AND NO VIOLENCE OCCURRED. SPEECHES WERE MADE BUT GROUP REMAINED ACROSS STREET.)

2. AS LATE AS SATURDAY, PRIME MINISTER ANKER JORGENSEN AND FOREIGN MINISTER K.B. ANDERSEN DENIED THAT DENMARK WOULD FOLLOW THE NORWEGIANS AND DUTCH IN RECALLING ITS AMBASSADOR TO MADRID. AS AN INCREASING NUMBER OF EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE WITH SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS, RECALLED THEIR AMBASSADORS, THE MFA TOLD US THE DANES DECIDED THEY DID NOT WANT TO BE ISOLATED ON THIS QUESTION. IN RECALLING THE DANISH AMBASSADOR, HOWEVER, PRIME MINISTER JORGENSEN EMPHASIZED PUBLICLY THAT IT WAS FOR CONSULTATIONS ONLY AND SHOULD IN NO WAY BE INTERPRETED TO MEAN A SEVERANCE IN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SPAIN. HE POINTED OUT THAT DANISH POLICY IS TO MAINTAIN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ALL GOVERNMENTS, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER DENMARK AGREED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITH THE SYSTEMS OR THE ACTIONS OF THE COUNTRY IN QUESTION.

3. IN PRESS INTERVIEWS, JORGENSEN ENDORSED THE HEADLINE IN HIS PARTY'S SUNDAY NEWSPAPER, AKTUEL, WHICH LABELLED FRANCO AS A "MURDERER". HE ALSO SAID, "IT IS CLEAR THAT THE EXECUTIONS WILL LEAD TO INCREASED ISOLATION OF SPAIN IN ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH NATO, THE EC 9, AND ALL OTHER INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS."

4. OVER THE WEEKEND, IT WAS ALSO LEARNED THAT THE SPANISH AMBASSADOR TO DENMARK HAD EARLIER DELIVERED A NOTE PROTESTING THE TREATMENT BY THE DANISH PRESS OF THE TRIALS AND SENTENCES IN SPAIN AND REQUESTING THAT THE EDITORS RESPONSIBLE BE PENALIZED. THE TEXT OF THE NOTE WAS TRANSMITTED TO FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN AT THE UNGA AND BECAME THE PRINCIPAL TOPIC AT AN ALREADY-SCHEDULED MEETING BETWEEN THE DANE AND HIS SPANISH COUNTERPART. ALTHOUGH THE SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER HAD SOUGHT THE MEETING TO DISCUSS SPAIN AND NATO, ANDERSEN REPORTEDLY TOLD HIM THAT THE ONLY SUBJECT HE WOULD DEAL WITH WAS A RENEWAL OF THE DANISH APPEAL TO THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT NOT TO CARRY OUT THE EXECUTIONS. ANDERSEN SAID HE WAS SURPRISED BY THE NOTE SINCE IT SHOULD BE WELL-KNOWN THAT DENMARK IS A DEMOCRATIC COUNTRY WHERE THE PRESS WRITES WHAT IT SEES FIT.

5. THE PRESIDENT OF THE DANISH TRADE UNION FEDERATION (LO), THOMAS NIELSEN, TOLD A GROUP OF WOMEN TRADE UNIONISTS SEPTEMBER 28, THAT HE HAD JUST RETURNED FROM A MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN TRADE UNION FEDERATION WHERE AGREEMENT WAS REACHED TO PROCLAIM OCTOBER 2 "ANTI-FRANCO DAY". THE DANISH EFFORT WOULD CONCENTRATE FIRST ON A NATIONWIDE COLLECTION OF FUNDS FOR A "RESISTANCE MOVEMENT AGAINST THE FASCIST DICTATORSHIP IN SPAIN". A "BLOCKADE" AGAINST SPAIN WAS ALSO UNDER CONSIDERATION ACCORDING TO NIELSEN, AND THIS MORNING COPENHAGEN LONGSHOREMEN REFUSED TO UNLOAD A SPANISH VESSEL IN PORT HERE.
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